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SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Louden, could I ask you some questions, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Louden, would you yield to a question from Senator Hartnett?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: In your opening statement today, you said that the people that you're...in your proposed amendment were 65. And I was...and raised in my question, and I asked the counsel of the Business and Labor. And maybe I'm mis...you know, mistaken in my thinking. I thought that maybe...can't you collect Social Security before...partial payments, before 65? I don't know. Is that...you said that this would only affect people that were 65 and older and still working, is that correct, your amendment?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, perhaps, Senator Hartnett, I could stand corrected. Yeah, there's some people that would draw their Social Security at 62. I suppose that would cover them also. Usually, those at 62 take a considerably less Social Security payment than those that are older. Most of the constituents that I've had that have called in about this deal were older people that were, oh, past 65 and 67, and still able to do...to carry on a full-time job through the summer.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So these are...the people that you're talking about with this amendment are people that have...that are full time?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, I think in order to be paid for...in order to be on a job that pays unemployment compensation, I think you have to be on a full-time job.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Full time. How many...Senator Louden, do you have an idea of how many people there are in the state that would be affected by your amendment?

SENATOR LOUDEN: No, I don't know as I have anything on how many